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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY MEAT CABLE.

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(B) OTTAWA 1476

(C) OTTAWA 0446

1. GNP QUARTERLY REAL GROWTH AT ANNUAL RATES

QUARTER	1973	1974
1ST	12.4	6.8
2ND	1.5	4.0 (EST.)
3RD	2.8	
4TH	10.9	

2. SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION: PORK, MUTTON AND LAMB, POULTRY,
(THOUSAND POUNDS).

	POST FORECAST		
(A) PORK	1972	1973	1974
STOCKS, JAN. 1	28,969	18,803	33,051
PRODUCTION	1,392,607	1,360,418	1,390,000
IMPORTS	44,983	54,131	35,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,466,559	1,433,352	1,458,051
EXPORTS	115,517	125,614	110,000

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DOM. DISAPPEARANCE 1,332,239 1,274,687 1,308,051

STOCKS, DEC. 31	18,803	33,051	40,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	61.0	57.6	58.6

(B) MUTTON AND LAMB

STOCKS, JAN. 1	11,068	9,103	7,067
PRODUCTION	19,850	21,893	19,000
IMPORTS	80,548	58,410	48,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	111,466	89,406	74,067
EXPORTS	676	156	300
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	101,687	82,183	67,767
STOCKS, DEC. 31	9,103	7,067	6,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	4.7	3.7	3.0

(C) POULTRY

STOCKS, JAN. 1	57,697	56,465	75,899
PRODUCTION	981,083	1,042,941	1,065,000
IMPORTS	13,995	17,572	14,500
TOTAL SUPPLY	1,052,775	1,116,967	1,155,399
EXPORTS	3,165	4,931	17,000
DOM. DISAPPEARANCE	993,156	1,036,137	1,059,399
STOCKS, DEC. 31	56,454	75,899	79,000
PER CAPITA (LBS.)	45.5	46.9	47.5

3. BEEF PRODUCTION

(A) ESTIMATE OF CATTLE NUMBERS ON FARMS (THOUSANDS).

	1972	1973	1974
JUNE 1	13,657	14,134	14,979
DEC. 31	12,607	13,370	14,100 1/

(B) SLAUGHTER

CATTLE AND			
CALVES	4,037	3,894	4,000 1/

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(C) SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION (THOUSAND LBS. CARCASS WEIGHT EQUIVALENT).

		POST	
		FORECAST	
	1972	1973	1974
STOCKS, JAN. 1	38,733	50,006	57,113

PRODUCTION-TOTAL	1,978,853	1,976,432	2,000,000
-BEEF	1,898,328	1,910,575	1,940,000
-VEAL	80,525	65,857	60,000

IMPORTS - TOTAL	213,522	224,938	155,000
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-BONE-IN	27,431	25,842	16,000
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-BONELESS

FRESH	15,375	21,876	14,000
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FROZEN	129,525	147,432	100,000
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-OTHER	41,191	29,788	25,000
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TOTAL SUPPLY	2,231,108	2,251,376	2,212,113
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EXPORTS-TOTAL	91,969	88,204	50,000
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BEEF -BONE-IN	6,772	14,036	7,000
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-BONELESS	66,320	60,888	35,000
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-CURED	8,343	6,526	4,000
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VEAL	5,802	2,294	1,500
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N.E.S.	4,732	4,461	2,500
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DOM.DISAPPEARANCE	2,089,133	2,106,059	2,117,113
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STOCKS, DEC 31	50,006	57,113	45,000
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PER CAPITA (LBS.)	95.6	95.2	94.9
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4. PRICE FORECAST

(A) WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES-SOUTHERN ONTARIO,
(CDN. CENTS/LB.). 1972, 1973 NO CHANGE (REFTEL (C).

1974

JANUARY	89.5
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FEBRUARY	88.1
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MARCH	82.0
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APRIL	81.2
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MAY	84.5
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JUNE	86.3
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JULY	90.7
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(B) IMPORTED BONELESS BEEF PRICES

AVAILABLE FROM L&MP/FAS/W

5. QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO THE U.S.
(1,000 LBS. PRODUCT WEIGHT).

BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S.

	REVISED		
QUARTER	1972	1973	1974
1ST	11,891	10,533	11,877
2ND	18,495	12,862	7,100
3RD	15,250	25,253	10,000
4TH	13,049	7,804	12,000
TOTAL	58,685	56,452	40,977

COMMENTS: FEDERALLY INSPECTED CATTLE SLAUGHTER CURRENTLY 1.2 PERCENT ABOVE YEAR EARLIER LEVELS AND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE STRONG THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF YEAR. BY JUNE 1974 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS 5.4 POUNDS HEAVIER THAN AVERAGE OF 569.8 POUNDS BY JUNE 1973. 6 PERCENT INCREASE CATTLE ON FARMS JUNE 1, 1974 IS RECORD HIGH. ALL CLASSES HIGHER EXCEPT MILK COWS.

GOC'S APRIL 9-AUGUST 12, 1974 DES RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS AND RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BEEF AND VEAL IMPORT QUOTAS (OTTAWA 2575) EXPECTED TO REDUCE CANADA'S TOTAL 1974 BEEF IMPORTS TO APPROXIMATELY 155 MILLION POUNDS, WIT U.S. SUPPLYING ESTIMATED 14-16 PERCENT.

INCREASED SHIPMENTS IN THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER EXPECTED TO BRING 1974 TOTAL BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S. TO APPROXIMATELY 41 MILLION POUNDS.

POST CONTINES TO FORECAST HOG MARKETINGS TO DECLINE IN FOURTH QUARTER BUT 1974 PRODUCTIN EXPECTED TO BE UP 2 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. EXPECTED FALL FARROWINGS INDICATE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIGHT SLUGHTER IN FIRST HALF OF 1975.

BY AUGUST 1974 INCREASED PRODUCTION IN TURKEYS OF ALL WEIGHTS PUSHED TOTAL POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTION TO 4 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR. STORAGE STOCKS ARE ABOUT DOUBLE RESERVES NEEDED FOR NORMAL TRADE. INCLUDING SIZEABLE SHIPMENTS OF FROZEN PROCESSED BROILERS TO CUBA (CN4080, UNE 4/74) POULTRY EXPORTS EXPECTED TO TRIPLE BY END OF 1974.

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